

VOTE SHEET

DECEMBER 16, 1997

RE: DOCKET NO. 971041-WS - Application for increased service availability charges in Lee County by Gulf Utility Company.

Issue 1: Should the utility's service availability tariff filing, which proposes to include a jack and bore charge, be approved as filed?

Recommendation: Yes. The tariffs filed on August 5, 1997 should be approved as filed. The utility should be allowed to implement jack and bore charges of \$625 for only those connections which require the utility to contract performance of the service with a capable entity (other than the utility), as requested by Florida's Department of Transportation. This charge should be implemented for connections made after the stamped approval date of the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(2), Florida Administrative Code.

**APPROVED**

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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DOCKET NO. 971041-1 - Application for increased service availability charges in Lee County by Gulf Utility Company.

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Issue 2: Should the docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If Issue 1 is approved, this tariff should become effective in accordance with Rule 25-30.475(2), Florida Administrative Code. If a protest is filed within 21 days of issuance of the Order, this tariff should remain in effect with any increase held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket should be closed.

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